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DALLAS, TEX. (AP)-A BUSINESSMAN FROM SUBURBAN IRVING TOLD THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD WEDNESDAY THAT THERE IS NO MYSTERY IN THE FACT THAT HIS POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER TURNED UP IN NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S PROBE INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

LEE ODOM, 31, SAID HE MET NEW ORLEANS BUSINESSMAN CLAY SHAW IN THE FALL OF 1966 AND ASKED HIM A QUESTION PERTAINING TO BULL-FIGHTS. THE NEWSPAPER, IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY, QUOTED ODOM AS SAYING HE HAD NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM SHAW BEFORE OR SINCE.

GARRISON HAS CHARGED SHAW WITH CONSPIRING WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND OTHERS TO MURDER THE PRESIDENT.

GARRISON SAID FRIDAY THAT SHAW HAD IN HIS NOTEBOOK THE FOLLOWING NOTATION: "LEE ODOM, BOX 19106, DALLAS, TEXAS."

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID THAT BY USING A COMPLEX DECODING SYSTEM, THIS NUMBER ACTUALLY WORKED OUT TO BE JACK RUBY'S UNLISTED DALLAS TELEPHONE NUMBER IN 1963. THE SAME NUMBER--19106--ALSO WAS FOUND IN OSWALD'S NOTEBOOK BUT WITHOUT ODOM'S NAME, HE ADDED.

KENNEDY WAS SLAIN IN DALLAS, NOV. 22, 1963, OSWALD, THE MAN THE WARREN COMMISSION NAMED AS LONE ASSASSIN, WAS KILLED BY RUBY TWO DAYS LATER. RUBY DIED OF CANCER THIS YEAR.

THE TIMES HERALD SAID IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY THAT ODEOM SAID HE WENT TO NEW ORLEANS LAST FALL AND, WHILE THERE, ASKED A HOTEL MANAGER WHO TO CONTACT "TO SEE ABOUT FINDING A PLACE FOR MY BULL-FIGHT."

HE SAID THE MANAGER SUGGESTED SHAW.

"HE (SHAW) CAME OVER TO THE HOTEL, AS I RECALL, AND WE TALKED 15 OR 20 MINUTES. HE GAVE ME HIS BUSINESS CARD AND I GAVE HIM MY ADDRESS IN DALLAS. THE BULLFIGHT DIDN'T COME OFF AND WE NEVER COMMUNICATED AGAIN. THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT," ODOM TOLD THE PAPER.

HE SAID HIS MAILING ADDRESS AT THE TIME, AND THE ADDRESS HE GAVE

SHAW, WAS PO.O. 19106.

ODOM SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TELL HIS STORY TO GARRISON OR ANYONE ELSE.

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"I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE--MY GOODNESS! YOU CAN TELL MR. SHAW THAT I AM READY TO HELP HIM IF I CAN," HE TOLD TIMES HERLAD REPORTER JAMES LEHRER.

GARRISON SAID HE WAS "VERY MUCH INTERESTED" IN ODOM'S ACCOUNT.

"WE ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHO INTRODUCED MR. ODOM TO MR. SHAW, HOW MANY BULLFIGHTS MR. ODOM HAS ACTUALLY PRODUCED AND A FEW OTHER THINGS" GARRISON SAID WEDNESDAY.

ODOM SAID THE MANAGER OF THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL SUGGESTED THAT HE GET IN TOUCH WITH SHAW.

"HE SUGGESTED MR. SHAW SO I CALL ED HIM--OR THE MANAGER CALLED HIM, I DON'T REMEMBER EXACTLY," THE TIMES HERALD QUOTED HIM AS SAYING.

THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT SUCH A PERSON AS "LEE ODOM" DID NOT EXIST, AND THAT THE NAME HAD BEEN MADE UP AS PART OF WHAT GARRISON SAYS IS A CODE USED AMONG SHAW, OSWALD AND RUBY.

THE TIMES HERALD SAID IT BELIEVES THAT BOX 19106 DID NOT COME INTO EXISTENCE HERE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF 1965, WHEN THE SUBSTATION WAS REMODELED. BUT IT COULD NOT CONFIRM THIS.

GARRISON SAID, "THE FACT THAT SOMEONE ACQUIRED THAT POST OFFICE BOX WHEN IT CAME INTO EXISTENCE IN LATE 1965 DOES NOT CHANGE THE ODDITY OF THAT CIRCUMSTANCE AT ALL."

AND HE SAID THE FACT "THAT THERE IS A REAL LEE ODOM IS NOT THE POINT. THE POINT IS THAT CLAY SHAW AND LEE OSWALD, NEVERTHELESS, HAVE THE SAME P.O. BOX IN THEIR ADDRESS BOOKS AND THIS P.O. BOX IS IN ENCODED FORM, THE UNPUBLISHED PHONE NUMBER OF JACK RUBY IN 1963."

GARRISON WENT ON:

"WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CLARIFYING NOW WHY THERE IS ALSO CODED IN LEE OSLWAD'S ADDRESS BOOK THE LOCAL PHONE NUMBER OF

THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

"WE HAVE HAD EVIDENCE FOR SOME TIME THAT IN DALLAS, TEXAS, JACK RUBY WAS WORKING WITH THE CIA AT THE SAME TIME LEE OSWALD WAS WORKING FOR THE CIA HERE. THIS MEANS THAT THE CIA WELL KNEW THAT THESE TWO MEN KNEW EACH OTHER,

"SINCE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO GET THE TRUTH IN ANY FORM FROM OFFICIALS OF THE CIA IN WASHINGTON, NO MATTER HOW HIGHLY PLACED, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO TALKING TO THIS BUSINESSMAN FROM IRVING, TEX., ABOUT SOME OF THESE OTHER COINCIDENCES," GARRISON SAID.

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